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## ESTONIAN SSR REDIVIDED INTO RAYONS

The complete Sovietization of the territorial-administrative structure of the USSR was accomplished on 26 September 1950 when the Supreme Soviet Estonian SSR issued a ukase for the reorganization of Estonia's uyezds and volost's into rayons. The Latvian SSR was converted by a ukase of 31 December 1949 (00-W-9194) and the Lithuanian SSR by a ukase of 20 June 1950 (00-W-15784). Although four oblasts composed of 87 rural rayons were created in Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia were subdivided only into rayons directly under republic administration. Certain other small republics, including the Georgian, Azerbaydzhan, Armenian, and Karelo-Finnish, also have rayons directly subordinate to the republic. The complete text of the Estonian ukase is given below.

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet Estonian SSR, on 26 September 1950, in Tallin, issued the following ukase for the formation of rural rayons in the Estonian SSR:

- A. In connection with point b, Article 19, of the Constitution of the Estonian SSR, 39 rural rayons are to be formed in the Estonian SSR directly subordinate to republic organs and composed of the following village soviets, settlements, and rayon-subordinate cities:
- l. Ab'yaskiy Rayon -- center in Ab'ya-Paluoya settlement, and including Myysakula city, Ab'ya-Paluoya settlement, and the following village soviets: Peraskiy, Kangruskiy, Rayanguskiy, Ab'yaskiy, Khallisteskiy, Karisteskiy, Paluoyaskiy, Penuyaskiy, Kaarlishkiy, Uue-Karisteskiy, Polliskiy, Peegleskiy, Sudisteskiy, Yariskiy, and Tukhalaaneskiy.
- 2. Antslaskiy Rayon -- center in Antsla city, and including Antsla city and the following village soviets: Reydleskiy, Tokhvri-Kaykaskiy, Vana-Antslaskiy, Kyrgepaluskiy, Tsooruskiy, Kurenurmeskiy, Vaabinaskiy, Mynisteskiy, Saruskiy, Urvasteskiy, Krabiskiy, Varstuskiy, Vastse-Roosaskiy, and Kul'dreskiy with populated points Restu I and Restu II removed from Restuskiy Village Soviet.

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- 3. Valgaskiy Rayon -- center in Valga city, and including Valga city and the following village soviets: Kaag'yarveskiy, Payuskiy, Iygasteskiy, Karylaskiy, Lyullemyaeskiy, Kuytatsiskiy, Priypaluskiy, Pukaskiy, Keeniskiy, Tagulaskiy, Kharglaskiy, Koykkyulaskiy, Laatreskiy, Tyllisteskiy, and Restuskiy excluding the populated points of Restu I and Restu II.
- 4. Vastselinaskiy Rayon -- center in Vastselina village, and including the following village soviets: Kalachkovskiy, Obinitsaskiy, Veretinskiy, Kaperaskiy, Mauriskiy, Peremetsaskiy, Tsolliskiy, Luutsnikuskiy, Ruusmyaeskiy, Lukhamaskiy, and Pugolaskiy.
- 5. Vil'yandiskiy Rayon -- center in Vil'yandi city, and including the cities of Vil'yandi and Mustla and the following village soviets: Khol'streskiy, Raasillaskiy, Asuskiy, Tipuskiy, Tyassaskiy, Loodiskiy, Sul'tsiskiy, Kheymtsaliskiy, Parastumaskiy, Puyatuskiy, Mukuskiy, Mynnasteskiy, Kal'metuskiy, Valmaskiy, Pinskaskiy, Pyarstiskiy, Saarepeediskiy, Tobra-Sel'yaskiy, Uusnaskiy, and Verilaskeskiy.
- 6. Vyruskiy Rayon -- center in Vyru city, and including Vyru city and the following village soviets: Khaan'yaskiy, Kergatsiskiy, Kokeskiy, Nursiskiy, Uue-Kasaritsaskiy, Vana-Kasaritsaskiy, Lasvaskiy, Loosiskiy, Ryugeskiy, Syannaskiy, Viytinaskiy, Sul'biskiy, Symerpaluskiy, Kyapaskiy, Loosu-Naviskiy, and Vyaymelaskiy.
- 7. Vyayke-Mar'yaskiy Rayon -- center in Vyayke-Mar'ya village, and including the following village soviets: Assamallaskiy, Kadilaskiy, Porkuniskiy, Kurtnaskiy, Padaskiy, Simunaskiy, Laekvereskiy, Muugaskiy, Rakhklaskiy, Venevereskiy, Emumyaeskiy, Kyaruskiy, Tammikuskiy, Kil'tsiskiy, Pandivereskiy, Pydranguskiy, Triygiskiy, Vyayke-Mar'yaski, Aoskiy, Rakkeskiy, Pikevereskiy, Tamsaluskiy, and Vayanguskiy.
- 8. Vyandraskiy Rayon -- center in Vyandra, and including the settlements of Vyandra, Tootsi, and Yarvakandi and the following rural soviets: Kaysmaskiy, Kynnuskiy, Eydapereskiy, Aesooskiy, Kaseskiy, Tyyaskiy, Alusteskiy, Ryusaskiy, Suureyyeskiy, Vikhtraskiy, Vyandraskiy, and Tekhasteskiy.
- 9. Yygevaskiy Rayon -- center in Yygeva city, and including Yygeva city and the following village soviets: Khyar'yanurmeskiy, Yygevaskiy, Siymusteskiy, Kassinurmeskiy, Mullavereskiy, Igavereskiy, Kudinaskiy, Mar'ya. Magdalenaskiy, Toovereskiy, Kiviyarveskiy, Myysakyulaskiy, Sootagaskiy, Koogiskiy, Yvanurmeskiy, Tyakhkvereskiy, Sadalaskiy, K'yulaskiy, Selliskiy, and Palamuseskiy.
- 10. Yykhviskiy Rayon -- center in Yykhvi city, and including Yykhvi city, the settlements of Sompa and Akhtme, and the following village soviets: Yysakuskiy, Yyugaskiy, Kataseskiy, Vayklaskiy, Illukaskiy, Kuremyaeskiy, Yykhviskiy, Puruskiy, Sompaskiy, Toylaskiy, Vokaskiy, Kiyklaskiy, Myaetaguseskiy, Pagariskiy, Yamaskiy, Remnikuskiy, Permiskyulaskiy, Eredaskiy, Yarveskiy, Kokhtlaskiy, and Sakaskiy.
- ll. Kallasteskiy Rayon -- center in Kallaste city, and including Kallaste city and the following village soviets: Yyeskiy, Palaskiy, Rannaskiy, Kokoraskiy, Lakheperaskiy, Ninaskiy, Varaskiy, Vyal'giskiy, Koosaskiy, Varn'yaskiy, and Peypsiyaareskiy.
- 12. Keylaskiy Rayon -- center in Keyla city, and including Keyla and Paldiski cities and the following village soviets: Yoaskiy, Keylaskiy, Kloogaskiy, Vasalemmaskiy, Khaybaskiy, Ruylaskiy, Laytseskiy, Nissiskiy, Turbaskiy, Vikhterpaluskiy, Kloostriskiy, Pyllkyulaskiy, and Ristiskiy.

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- 13. Kiviyliskiy Rayon -- center in Kiviyli city, and including Kiviyli city, Kyutteyyu settlement, and the following village soviets: Erraskiy, Sondaskiy, Lyuganuseskiy, Purtseskiy, Var'yaskiy, Aseriskiy, Oanduskiy, Maydlaskiy, Soonurmeskiy, Kal'viskiy, Sammaskiy, Viru-Nigulaskiy, Tuduskiy, and Kabalaskiy.
- 14. Kilingi-Nymmeskiy Rayon -- center in Kilingi-Nymme city, and including Kilingi-Nymme city and the following village soviets: Krundikyulaskiy, Rannametsaskiy, Asuyaskiy, Massiaruskiy, Kabliskiy, Orayyeskiy, Yar'yaskiy, Ristikyulaskiy, Saardeskiy, Taliskiy, Veelikseskiy, Kamaliskiy, Kanakyulaskiy, and Vyal'yakyulaskiy.
- 15. Koseskiy Rayon -- center in Kose village, and including Kekhra settlement and the following village soviets: Aniyaskiy, Kekhraskiy, Pikvaskiy, Kivilooskiy, Peningiskiy, Pikavereskiy, Koseskiy, Pal'vereskiy, Vooseskiy, Kurenaskiy, Oruskiy, Alansiskiy, Arduskiy, and Kyyeskiy.
- 16. Kuressaareskiy Rayon -- center in Kuressaare city, and including Kuressaare city and the following village soviets: Asteskiy, Eyklaskiy, Kaarmaskiy, Kikhel'konnaskiy, Tagamyysaskiy, Kuressaareskiy, Randvereskiy, Takhulaskiy, Kyarlaskiy, Paadlaskiy, Sauvereskiy, Atlaskiy, Koymlaskiy, Lyumandaskiy, Must\*yalaskiy, Pidulaskiy, Vykhmaskiy, Kaaliskiy, Pikhtlaskiy, Tyllusteskiy, Ansekyulaskiy, Tiyrimetsaskiy, Kargiskiy, and Torguskiy.
- 17. Likhulaskiy Rayon -- center in Likhula settlement, and including Likhula settlement and the following village soviets: Khanilaskiy, Karuse-sekiy, Massuskiy, Kirblaskiy, Vykhmaskiy, Likhulaskiy, Meel'vaskiy, Tuudiskiy, Kulliskiy, Mytsuskiy, Varblaskiy, Lypeskiy, Koongaskiy, and Mikhklinskiy.
- 18. Loksaskiy Rayon -- center in Loksa settlement, and including Loksa settlement and the following village soviets: Khirvliskiy, Kolgaskiy, Leesiskiy, Kynnuskiy, Loksaskiy, Kiyuskiy, Kodasooskiy, Sagadiskiy, Vikhmaskiy, Vysuskiy, Annikvereskiy, Karulaskiy, and Vikhulaskiy.
- 19. Mustveskiy Rayon -- center in Mustve city, and including Mustve city and the following village soviets: Conurmeskiy, Tudulinnaskiy, Avinurmeskiy, Laekannuskiy, Piylsiskiy, Vadiskiy, Ul'viskiy, Omedaskiy, Rayaskiy, Kalmaskiy, Lokhusuuskiy, Allikuskiy, Vassevereskiy, Lullikatkuskiy, Tyykvereskiy, Vytikvereskiy, Arukyulaskiy, and Roelaskiy.
- 20. Myar'yamaaskiy Rayon -- center in Myar'yamaa settlement, and including Myar'yamaa settlement and the following village soviets: Pylliskiy, Russaluskiy, Kullamaaskiy, Leevreskiy, Liyviskiy, Teenuseskiy, Vayknaskiy, Alakyulaskiy, Myar'yamaaskiy, Paekyulaskiy, and Sipaskiy.
- 21. Orissaareskiy Rayon -- center in Orissaare village, and including the following village soviets: Audlaskiy, Laym"yalaskiy, Leysiskiy, Metskyulaskiy, Rannaskiy, Khellamaskiy, Liyvaskiy, Piyriskiy, Peytseskiy, Maasiskiy, Orissaareskiy, Peydeskiy, Tornimyaeskiy, Pammaskiy, Pyarsamaskiy, Kallemyaeskiy, Sassiskiy, and Val'yalaskiy.
- 22. Otepyaskiy Rayon -- center in Otepya city, and including Otepya city and the following village soviets: Kryuyudneriskiy, Vana-Prangliskiy, Otepyaskiy, Pyaydlaskiy, Vidrikeskiy, Vokiskiy, Kaagvereskiy, Koorasteskiy, Pikayarveskiy, and Valg"yarveskiy.
- 23. Paydeskiy Rayon -- center in Payde city, and including Payde city, Yarva-Yani settlement, and the following village soviets: Esnaskiy, Peetriskiy, Viysuskiy, Koygiskiy, Syranduskiy, Paydeskiy, Purdiskiy, Sargvereskiy, Abayaskiy, Kapuskiy, Vaoskiy, Vyayn yarveskiy, Lyylaskiy, Vyatsaskiy, Yarva-Yaniskiy, Karinuskiy, and Roosna-Allikuskiy.

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- 24. Pyl'vaskiy Rayon -- center in Pyl'va village, and including the following village soviets: Akh'yaskiy, Akste-Kyarsaskiy, Laaneskiy, Kiyd"-yarveskiy, Vastse-Kuusteskiy, Erastvereskiy, Kanepiskiy, Pyl'gasteskiy, Khyaataruskiy, Karaskiskiy, Mustayyeskiy, Vard'yaskiy, Kauksiskiy, Moosteskiy, Khimmasteskiy, Kiomaskiy, Periskiy, Pyl'vas'iy, Vanakyulaskiy, and Rasinaskiy.
- 25. Pyl'tsamaaskiy Rayon -- center in Pyl'tsamaa city, and including Pyl'tsamaa city and the following village soviets: Kursiskiy, Puurmanniskiy, Pyaynurmeskiy, Yaravereskiy, Khermanniskiy, Ayduskiy, Neanurmeskiy, Loopreskiy, Tapikuskiy, Adavereskiy, Anikvereskiy, Mykhkkyulaskiy, Umbusiskiy, Vits'yarveskiy, Kolga-Yaniskiy, Lal'siskiy, and Vissuvereskiy.
- 26. Pyarnuskiy Rayon -- center in Pyarnu city, and including Sindi city, Lavassaare settlement, and the following village soviets: Aruvyal'-yaskiy, Audruskiy, Kikhlepaskiy, Sel'yametsaskiy, Taaliskiy, Kikeperaskiy, Iypreskiy, Kil'ksamaa-Ryaaguskiy, Saugaskiy, Pootsiskiy, Selisteskiy, Soometsaskiy, Sur'yuskiy, Takhkurannaskiy, Uuluskiy, Tykhelaskiy, Tystamaskiy, Kastnaskiy, Kikhnuskiy, and Rukhnuskiy.
- 27. Pyarnu-Yagupiskiy Rayon -- center in Pyarnu-Yagupi settlement, and including Pyarnu-Yagupi settlement and the following village soviets: Kivi-Vigalaskiy, Vigalaskiy, Valguskiy, Veliseskiy, Khalingaskiy, Kaelaseskiy, Peeravereskiy, Veeskiy, Areskiy, and Suyguskiy.
- 28. Rakvereskiy Rayon -- center in Rakvere city, and including the cities of Rakvere and Kunda and the following village soviets: Viytnaskiy, Vyypereskiy, Khal'yalaskiy, Pydruseskiy, Varanguskiy, Kundaskiy, Mallaskiy, Sel'yaskiy, Kulinaskiy, Payustiskiy, Karitsaskiy, Kloodiskiy, Rakvereskiy, Liyvaskiy, Roelaskiy, Pylulaskiy, Ryagavereskiy, Kaarliskiy, Kokhalaskiy, Ukhtnaskiy, and Viru-Yagupiskiy.
- 29. Raplaskiy Rayon -- center in Rapla settlement, and including the settlements of Rapla and Kokhila and the following village soviets: Kokhilaskiy, Adilaskiy, Atlaskiy, Khyarglaskiy, Inglisteskiy, Yarvakandiskiy, Kekhtnaskiy, Palukyulaskiy, Kayuskiy, Kuymetsaskiy, Vakhastuskiy, Kabalaskiy, Raykkyulaskiy, Khagudiskiy, Raplaskiy, Valtuskiy, Lokhuskiy, and Sikel'diskiy.
- 30. Ryapinaskiy Rayon -- center in Ryapina settlement, and including Ryapina settlement and the following village soviets: Aravuskiy, Mekhikor-maskiy, Parapaluskiy, Piyrisaareskiy, Yarvsuuskiy, Verkhulitsaskiy, Leeviskiy, Tsolguskiy, Mikitamyaeskiy, Vyypsuskiy I, Kakhvaskiy, Luuskaskiy, Suuremetsaskiy, Alakyulaskiy, Leevakuskiy, Linteskiy, Vyypsuskiy II, Matsuriskiy, Satserinnaskiy, Ruunaskiy, Vilusteskiy, and Vyayke-Veerksuskiy.
- 31. Suure-Yaniskiy Rayon -- center in Suure-Yani city, and including Suure-Yani city, Vykhma settlement, and the following village soviets: Ketuk-yulaskiy, Metskyulaskiy, Vastemyysaskiy, Ar'yandiskiy, Mal'tsaareskiy, Kaansooskiy, Syurgavereskiy, Aymlaskiy, Olustvereskiy, Tyaksiskiy, Myysakyulaskiy, Venevereskiy, and Soomevereskiy.
- 32. Tapaskiy Rayon -- center in Tapa city, and including Tapa city, Ambla and Aegviydu settlements, and the following village soviets: Amblaskiy, Yanedaskiy, Roosnaskiy, Aegviyduskiy, Aruskiy, Lekhtseskiy, Tapaskiy, Aravetsskiy, Yarva-Madiseskiy, Peeduskiy, Kruusimyae-Kadapikuskiy, Neerutiskiy, Pakito-Sorgiskiy, Udriku-Tukhaskiy, Arbavereskiy, Vokhn'yaskiy, and Saksiskiy.

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- 33. Tartuskiy Rayon -- center in Tartu city, and including the following village soviets: Khaaslavaskiy, Kuusteskiy, Pyaksteskiy, Kyarevereskiy, Laevaskiy, Piyriskiy, Tammistuskiy, Mellisteskiy, Myaksaskiy, Vybsteskiy, Lemmatsiskiy, Soynasteskiy, Kobratuskiy, Lokhkvaskiy, Raadiskiy, Pikhvaskiy, Tyakhtvere-Vorbuseskiy, Kuristaskiy, Kynnuskiy, Vynnuskiy, Kukulinnaskiy, and Kyarknaskiy.
- 34. Tyrvaskiy Rayon -- center in Tyrva city, and including Tyrva city and the following village soviets: Khel'meskiy, Yygevesteskiy, Koorkyulaskiy, Leebikuskiy, Riydayaskiy, Khol'dreskiy, Taageperaskiy, Unametsaskiy, Vooruskiy, Pikruskiy, Khummuliskiy, Puydeskiy, Arukyulaskiy, and Kyarstnaskiy.
- 35. Tyuriskiy Rayon -- center in Tyuri city, and including Tyuri city and the following village soviets: Yyekyulaskiy, Kyaruskiy, Kirnaskiy, Koluskiy, Laupaskiy, Tyuriskiy, Oysuskiy, Piyometsaskiy, Myaoskiy, Villevereskiy, and Khiyyekynnuskiy.
- 36. Khaapsaluskiy Rayon -- center in Khaapsalu city, and including Khaapsalu city and the following village soviets: Akhliskiy, Vynnuskiy, Kirnaskiy, Rannamyysaskiy, Pyurksiskiy, Sutlepaskiy, Keedikaskiy, Linnamyaeskiy, Kuyiye-skiy, Ristiskiy, Ridalaskiy, Tuuruskiy, Tuksiskiy, Vanakyulaskiy, Palivereskiy, Taeblaskiy, Nyvaskiy, and Vormsiskiy.
- 37. Khar'yuskiy Rayon -- center in Tallin city, and including the following village soviets: Maydlaskiy, Kharkuskiy, Murasteskiy, Vyaanaskiy, Iruskiy, Maarduskiy, Viymsiskiy, Yyesuuskiy, Rebalaskiy, Kurtnaskiy, Khal'-yavaskiy, Lyatiskiy, Arukyulaskiy, Lagediskiy, Vaydaskiy, Yygisooskiy, Pyaskyulaskiy, Saueskiy, Kurnaskiy, Nabalaskiy, Sakuskiy, and Prangliskiy.
- 38. Khiyumaskiy Rayon -- center in Kyardla city, and including Kyardla city and the following village soviets: Emmasteskiy, Leysuskiy, Mal'vasteskiy, Laukaskiy, Luykaskiy, Kyaynaskiy, Vaemlaskiy, Yukhtriskiy, Paladeskiy, Pyukhalepaskiy, and Suuremyysaskiy.
- 39. El'vaskiy Rayon -- center in El'va city, and including El'va city and the following village cities: Akreskiy, Pyukhasteskiy, El'vaskiy, Etsasteskiy, Kakhuskiy, Kamb'yaskiy, Kammeriskiy, Kodiyarveskiy, Kongutaskiy, Aruskiy, Nyoskiy, Lukeskiy, Meeriskiy, Pukh'yaskiy, Vikhavuskiy, Ulilaskiy, Kurekyulaskiy, Rannuskiy, Sangla-Yyesuuskiy, Paluperaskiy, Rynguskiy, and Valgutaskiy.
- B. The following are to be administratively subordinate to the Narva City Soviet of Workers' Deputies: Viyvikonna settlement and the village soviets of Per'yatsiskiy, Tyursamyaeskiy, Auvereskiy, Peetriskiy, and Sol'dinoskiy.
- C. The subdivision of the Estonian SSR into uyezds and volost's is to be eliminated in connection with the formation of rayons.
- D. The Council of Ministers Estonian SSR is to submit a list of personnel of rural soviet executive committees to the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Estonian SSR, for confirmation.
- E. Changes in the respective articles of the Constitution of the Estonian SSR resulting from the present ukase are to be submitted to the Supreme Soviet Estonian SSR for approval.
- F. The following cities are to be transferred to rayon subordination: Antsla, Valga, Vil'yandi, Vyru, Yygeva, Yykhvi, Kallaste, Keyla, Kilingi-Nymme, Kiviyli, Kunda, Kuressaare, Kyardla, Mustve, Mustla, Myysakyula, Otepya, Payde, Pyl'tsamaa, Rakvere, Sindi, Suure-Yani, Tapa, Tyrva, Tyuri, Khaapsalu, and El'va (all formerly uyezd-subordinate cities), as well as Paldiski (formerly a republic-subordinate city). -- A. Yakobson, chairman, and V. Telling, secretary, Presidium, Supreme Soviet Estonian SSR

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